

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method is disclosed for facilitating "whistle-blowing" by members of the public and individuals within public and private entities who learn of fraud and other misconduct perpetrated by or upon such entities. An organization is established that accepts anonymous "tips" and information about misconduct but maintains contact with the anonymous reporter. When sufficient information is in hand, the organization approaches the entity doing or suffering the misconduct. The organization offers to provide the information in order that corrective action, as stopping a polluting discharge to avoid a fine or stopping certain misconduct and suing to collect damages, can be taken by the entity. A reward is agreed on, together with a time that it will be paid and any contingencies in the reward. When the reward is paid, the major portion of it, less a service fee for the organization, is paid over either to the reporter or to a third party, as a charity or governmental body, designated by the reporter or the organization. Confirmation of the payment can be made to the anonymous reporter.